



City of Fontana

Planning Commission

Minutes

Cathline Fort, Chair
Raj Sangha, Vice Chair
Idilio Sanchez, Secretary
Matthew Gordon, Commissioner
Ralph Thrasher, Commissioner

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 6:00 P.M. Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. Call to Order/Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the City of Fontana Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Chair Fort called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Chair Fort, Vice Chair Sangha, Secretary Sanchez, and Commissioner Thrasher

Absent: Commissioner Gordon

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Following the Invocation by Secretary Sanchez, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thrasher.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Public Communications:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**A. Approval of Minutes:**

Approve the Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022.

ACTION: A Motion was made by Vice Chair Sangha, seconded by Commissioner Thrasher, and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Fort, Vice Chair Sangha, Secretary Sanchez, and Commissioner Thrasher

Absent: Commissioner Gordon

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH-A Master Case No. 21-068; Conditional Use Permit No. 21-013 - A request to operate a mobile vocation (welding technology) instructional lab on an intermittent basis to provide career training.

Chair Fort opened Public Hearing

Cecily Session-Goins, Associate Planner presented the staff report.

The commission and staff discussed welding supplies and materials on site, as well as it being ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliant, and restroom facilities.

The commission and staff discussed the location of the mobile lab, as it relates to energy source.

The commission and staff discussed ventilation of the welding fumes, welding area, and the process for the solicitation of students.

The applicant, Ariel Nieves, read and agreed to the Conditions of Approval.

The applicant confirmed that the mobile lab is ADA compliant, and further discussed the placement of fire extinguishers that are ADA accessible. He also discussed the four stations in the back of the mobile lab and stated that they do have ventilation. A brief discussion also took place on student solicitation and the type of programs offered through the school.

The commission and applicant discussed certification of each student. In addition, a brief discussion took place regarding an entry level position for a welder.

The applicant thanked Cecily Session-Goins, Associate Planner for her guidance with this project.

The Public Hearing was closed.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of this item.

Director of Planning, Patty Nevins mentioned that there was a modification to one of the Conditions of Approval for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information in the staff report and subject to the attached Findings and Conditions of Approval, staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt Resolution PC No. 2022-010 with a modification to the Conditions of Approval; and,

- 1. Determine that the project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section No. 15301 and Section No. 15332, of the California Environmental Quality Act and Section No. 3-18 and Section No. 3.22 of the 2019 Local Guidelines for Implementing the of the CEQA and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and,**
- 2. Approve Conditional Use Permit No. 21-013.**

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Thrasher, seconded by Secretary Sanchez, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the Resolution presented, with the modification requested. The motion carried by the following vote:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Fort, Vice Chair Sangha, Secretary Sanchez, and Commissioner Thrasher

Absent: Commissioner Gordon

PH-B Master Case No. 15-036R1 and Design Review No. 21-012 - A proposal for site and architecture review to construct 19 single-family homes to be located on a previously reviewed, approved, and recorded tract map, Tract Map No. 20060, totaling approximately 3.5 adjusted gross acres.

Chair Fort opened Public Hearing.

Jon Dille, Associate Planner presented the staff report.

The applicant, Brian Kensinger, read and agreed to the Conditions of Approval.

The commission and the applicant discussed the difference between the French Eclectic and Italianate Architectures, bedrooms, and garages.

The commission commented on the proposed lot sizes for the project.

The commission and the applicant discussed the entrance gate and location.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of this item.

The commission did state that correspondence was received for this project.

The Public Hearing was closed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information in the staff report and subject to the attached findings, and conditions of approval, staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt Resolution PC No. 2022-011: and,

- 1. Determine that the project is Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section No. 15332, (Class No. 32, In-Fill) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Section No. 3-18 (Infill Projects) of the 2019 Local Guidelines for implementing CEQA, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and,**
- 2. Approve Design Review No. 21-012**

ACTION: Motion was made by Secretary Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Thrasher, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the Resolution presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Fort, Vice Chair Sangha, Secretary Sanchez, and Commissioner Thrasher

Absent: Commissioner Gordon

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. None**

DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Director Communications:**

Patty Nevins, Director of Planning announced that the Joint City Council and Planning Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 had been cancelled. In addition, she announced that the Planning Commission regularly scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 had been cancelled.

No further communications were received.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

A. Public Communication Remarks:

Commissioner Thrasher stated that he had an opportunity to attend the Planning Commission Academy and based on his observation the City of Fontana staff and the city as an agency, in comparison to other agencies, work well together. He wants to applaud Phil Burum, Deputy City Manager, Patty Nevins, Director of Planning, and Planning Staff for doing a fantastic job. The conference was fantastic, and it shows what a great community Fontana is. He thanked everyone on staff for the wonderful job they do, and he stated that he is glad to be part of the Fontana Community.

Secretary Sanchez echoed Commissioner Thrashers comments and stated that it is getting easier to make decisions on projects based on the information provided by staff. As a veteran of the Planning Commission, he stated that it is an honor to serve on the Planning Commission and there are great people to work with. He mentioned that projects are getting better, and that staff is doing a great job. He thanked everyone and wished everyone a good night.

Vice Chair Sangha thanked the staff for the staff reports presented at tonight's meeting, and the Information Technology Department Staff for setting up the meeting. He stated that based on the project presented at tonight's meeting, he feels there is a need for vocational and trade schools in the community, he commented that maybe the traditional school system is not for everyone, and maybe students can't afford it, so vocational and trade school opportunities are great as an alternative. He shared his personal experiences as he went through various vocational school and programs. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and wished everyone a good night.

Chair Fort echoed the comments of her fellow Planning Commissioners regarding staff, as it pertains to all the work that goes into preparing and distributing the information that the commission needs for the meetings. She commented on the Undercover Boss episode, which highlighted and showed all the great work that goes on and around the city, and that staff does. She mentioned that although only a few departments were showcased it goes to show all the hard work that goes into the city, and it is the best place to live, work, and play; and it was nice to see some things being featured. There is a lot of pride in the city, and that is why they do what they do and why residents choose to live in the city, it's not a perfect world, but it is a nice place to be, and as so, it is an honor and a privilege to serve.

WORKSHOP:

A. None

ADJOURNMENT:

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

Maria Torres
Administrative Secretary

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION
ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY 2022.**

Cathline Fort
Chairperson